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REMARKS

Applicant has deleted claimed subject matter that has been allowed in co-pending application U.S. Serial No. 09/991552 and corrected certain inadvertent typographical errors in the foregoing amendments. In particular, "hybridizations" has been deleted from claim 21, and "hybridization" substituted therefore. The dependencies of claims 38 and 40 have also been corrected. In particular, claim 38 now depends from claim 37 and claim 40 now depends from claim 39. New claim 47 is supported throughout the specification and claims, for example, by original 33, the specification at page 29, line 25 to page 30, line 17 and the specification at page 51, line 7 to page 53, line 7. Applicant submits that these amendments do not introduce new matter.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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